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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 13, 2009**. Dry weather is needed in portions of central and northern Mississippi to resume or begin harvesting activities. Hay is plentiful with some producers reporting a surplus this year. Favorable yields are being reported for soybeans and corn. Scattered showers in the southeastern part of the state were beneficial, but some counties are still short on soil moisture. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 09/13/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	99	97	98	99
Corn, harvested	76	65	59	82
Corn Silage, harvested	100	98	92	98
Cotton, open bolls	64	41	55	79
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	91	88	87	90
Peanuts, harvested	0	0	3	--
Rice, headed	100	100	99	100
Rice, mature	82	61	82	87
Rice, harvested	26	18	18	41
Sorghum, coloring	100	100	99	100
Sorghum, mature	97	95	85	96
Sorghum, harvested	43	15	49	82
Soybeans, turning color	71	58	75	91
Soybeans, dropping leaves	50	38	49	77
Soybeans, harvested	26	14	17	52
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	20	12	5	20

Crop condition for week ending 09/13/09

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	6	15	32	44	3
Cotton	1	5	25	55	14
Hay	0	8	30	50	12
Livestock	1	3	31	55	10
Pasture	1	9	29	53	8
Peanuts	0	10	15	52	23
Rice	0	1	25	52	22
Sorghum	0	2	41	46	11
Soybeans	2	8	27	47	16
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	50	50	0

Comments

“Late soybeans are being scouted heavily for late season insects and the pressure is increasing. Cotton is maturing rapidly and it won't be long before we'll see desiccants in these fields. We're on the tail end of corn harvest. Hay is plentiful. Most cattlemen have a surplus this year.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“We received some rain during the week. Producers are preparing to harvest soybeans, corn, and grain sorghum.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Thundershowers prevented hay harvesting for most areas of northeast Mississippi. Armyworms continue to infest bermuda grass pastures. Ryegrass planting is underway, and ryegrass seed prices are down this year. The weak global economy continues to hold calf prices down.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Early MG IV soybeans are maturing and harvest will begin as weather conditions permit. Insects and disease remain at low levels in soybeans with exceptions in a limited number of fields. Corn harvest will begin with drier weather.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Armyworms have attacked again just as we thought. Several cattlemen attempted to spray this past week in between showers and that proved to be challenging. This week is predicted to have showers everyday, which will promote grass growth but make spraying for worms nearly impossible.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Rice harvest is going well. Some farmers are nearly halfway finished, and some are just getting started. Ground conditions have been favorable and there has been good cutting so far. However, there are certain varieties that are falling down.”

— Laura Giaccaglia, Bolivar

“Rain has stopped all harvesting. Soybean and corn yields have been good. We need sunshine.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Rainfall was plentiful on Friday and stopped harvest. We have enough moisture to finish the beans that are left to mature and the cotton crop. We need dry weather to get harvest going again.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“All harvest and field tillage activities continued until Friday when wet weather stopped all field work. Soybean yields in general are excellent.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Showers and thundershowers have stopped harvest efforts since mid-week. Soybean loopers are being sprayed in late maturing soybeans. Yields in dry land soybeans are all over the board and reports of irrigated yields are good. No cotton has been harvested so far.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Corn harvesting has been delayed by scattered rainfall. High levels of weather-related damage are developing in soybeans, and will be further increased by rains after beans are mature. Generally, cotton is in good condition, with very low levels of bollrot in some of the earlier planted fields.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Spotty showers have lowered the number of field days depending on what part of the county you are in.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 09/13/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Cleveland	94	66	79	77	2	0.72	-0.01	3	1.14				
Clarksdale	91	64	77	76	1	0.23	-0.47	2	0.89				
Lambert 1W	93	66	79			0.63	-0.14	1	1.48				
Extreme/Average	94	64	78	76	2	0.53	-0.17	2	1.02				
North-Central													
Batesville 2SW	91	66	78	75	3	1.60	0.83	3	2.49				
Calhoun City	90	66	77	75	2	0.26	-0.58	3	2.42				
Hickory Flat	89	63	76	74	2	2.10	1.16	5	3.64				
Holly Springs 4N	89	60	75	73	2	0.88	0.04	3	1.36				
Independence	89	64	76	74	2	0.91	0.07	5	2.07				
Oxford	91	66	77	74	3	0.74	-0.11	5	2.61				
Water Valley	90	66	77	75	2	0.29	-0.48	3	0.59				
Extreme/Average	91	60	77	75	2	0.97	0.13	4	2.43				
Northeast													
Booneville	90	63	75	74	1	1.75	0.86	2	2.75				
Corinth 7SW	89	66	76	76		2.54	1.54	2	3.37				
Tupelo 2	90	65	77			1.09	0.00	3	1.78				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	89	65	76	76	0	0.52	-0.46	4	1.72				
Verona	90	65	77	76	1	1.65	0.65	2	2.58				
Extreme/Average	90	63	76	75	1	1.51	0.57	3	2.21				
Lower Delta													
Belzoni	92	68	80	77	3	1.21	0.58	2	6.02				
Moorhead	93	67	79	77	2	2.35	1.57	4	3.71				
Rolling Fork	94	67	80	77	3	0.76	0.09	2	3.26				
Yazoo City 5NNE	94	72	81	78	3	0.15	-0.48	2	2.28				
Extreme/Average	94	67	80	77	3	1.12	0.42	3	4.87				
Central													
Canton 4N	88	63	76	77	-1	0.96	0.26	3	3.23				
Carthage	91	66	78	77	1	1.36	0.52	3	3.06				
Eupora 2E	89	64	76	75	1	0.87	-0.03	2	2.46				
Forest 3S	90	63	76	77	-1	2.07	1.16	2	3.29				
Kosciusko	88	66	76	77	-1	2.36	1.52	4	7.19				
Extreme/Average	91	63	77	76	1	1.52	0.70	3	5.24				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	90	67	77	75	2	0.07	-0.78	1	1.97				
Columbus	90	65	77	77		1.39	0.48	4	2.99				
Macon	90	65	76	76	0	1.25	0.34	4	4.22				
Philadelphia	92	68	79	77	2	0.70	-0.07	2	3.93				
State University	92	64	76	76		0.14	-0.70	2	4.43				
Extreme/Average	92	64	77	76	1	0.71	-0.14	3	3.13				
Southwest													
Brookhaven City	90	68	77	77	0	0.05	-0.86	1	0.75				
Crystal Springs EXP	92	65	78	77	1	1.77	0.72	2	3.40				
Natchez	90	67	78	78		1.77	0.86	5	6.69				
Port Gibson 1NE	94	66	80	76	4	0.23	-0.55	3	1.05				
Vicksburg	91	68	80			0.27	0.00	2	2.73				
Extreme/Average	94	65	79	77	2	0.82	-0.09	3	3.47				
South-Central													
Collins	89	67	77	77		3.70	2.72	3	6.20				
Columbia	93	70	80	78	2	2.33	1.32	4	5.28				
Monticello	94	69	79	78	1	1.61	0.70	2	3.42				
Raleigh 6N	92	63	77			0.35	0.00	3	3.00				
Tylertown 5ESE	87	67	78	78	0	2.39	1.41	3	4.01				
Extreme/Average	94	63	78	78		2.08	1.10	3	4.48				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	90	68	77	79	-2	2.65	1.60	4	5.22				
Laurel	91	67	78	77	1	0.30	-0.75	3	2.63				
Newton Exp	92	64	77	76	1	1.34	0.50	2	4.35				
Waynesboro 2W	92	69	79	77	2	0.41	-0.69	3	7.32				
Extreme/Average	92	64	78	77	1	1.18	0.20	3	5.63				
Coastal State													
	94	60	78	76	2	1.16	0.30	3	3.83				

DFN = Departure from Normal.